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State-wise and year-wise information on external Financial Assistance received for energy projects based on urban and industrial wastes

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI. No.	State	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	Total Assistance in last three years
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37.93	30.34	—	68.27
2.	Gujarat	—	19.69	—	19.69
3.	Punjab	212.09	—	—	212.09
4.	Tamil Nadu	—	100.90	—	100.90
	TOTAL	250.02	150.93	—	400.95

Research projects in the field of renewable energy sources

645. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of research projects submitted in Government's Patent Office particularly in the field of renewable energy sources in the country;

(b) the salient features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the encouragement to the research projects in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Research projects are not required to be submitted to the Patent Office as only applications for obtaining patents for innovations are required to be filed. Patent applications have been filed in the areas of solar photovoltaics, solar thermal, biomass production, biomass gasification, sensor-less torque control device of an induction generator of a wind turbine, hydrogen storage and fuel cells.

(c) The Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources has been supporting R&D in new and renewable energy technologies in the country.

In this regard, more than 550 projects in the aforesaid technologies have been financially supported, with a support level of around 50 per cent.

Experiment of generating power from gravitational force of earth

†646. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a person in Delhi has done an experiment of generating power from gravitational force of the earth;

(b) whether officers of his Ministry have also witnessed it;

(c) whether such power generation is economcial as well as pollution free; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to promote this experiment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) A person in Delhi has claimed that he has done an experiment of generating power from gravitational force of the earth.

(b) to (d) The above claim was examined in the Ministry and the concerned person was given an opportunity to explain his experiment. His claim could not be substantiated scientifically. No cost and other technical details were provided by him to justify that such power generation is economical. The Government has not taken any steps to promote the experiment.

Disparity in electricity rates in NDMC and MCD areas

647. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the rates of power in NDMC areas in Delhi;

(b) the corresponding rates that are being charged in MCD areas of Delhi;

(c) the reasons for which NDMC is able to charge less as compared

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.